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Re Application of: **Mark G. Allen, et al.** )  
Serial No. **10/010,723** )  
Filed: **December 6, 2001** )  
For: **Microneedle Devices and** )  
**Methods of Manufacture** )  
**And Use Thereof** )

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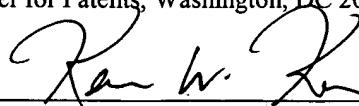
(“the Notice”) mailed January 29, 2002, in the above-identified application, a check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed for the statutory basic filing fee and late payment of fees for a small entity. This completes the application.

The present continuation application was filed with formal drawings, which are identical to the formal drawings filed and approved in the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,334,856. Contrary to the Notice, the figures in these drawings are indeed properly labeled with consecutive numbers.

These drawings are fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(u)(1). That rule states that the numbering is “**if possible**, in the order in which they appear on the drawing sheets.”

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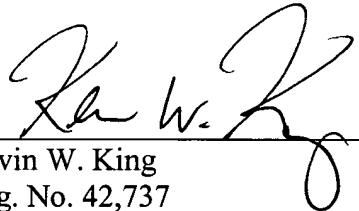
  
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(emphasis added). Here, Figure 1B (on sheet 2) comes after Figures 1A and 2A-E (on sheet 1). Figure 1B, however, is a photomicrograph which is not possible to put on the same sheet as black ink drawing Figure 1A. Thus, it is not possible to number the figures in the same order in which they appear on the drawing sheets, and therefore the present drawings are permitted by, and clearly comply with, the rule.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is also enclosed.

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### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 435.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- o Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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